City Council Introduction: October 20, 2003 Bill Number 03-164

Public Hearing: October 27, 2003

## FACT SHEET

**TITLE:** Ordinance to amend LMC Chapter SPONSOR: Public Works & Utilities

17.22, Water Use Charge

**OPPONENTS**: None Identified

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:

None <u>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</u> For

**APPLICANT:** Public Works & Utilities

**REASON FOR LEGISLATION**: Amends Section 17.22.030 to require persons to obtain a permit for the withdraw of water for special uses. Amends Section 17.22.120 clarifying that persons whose water has been shutoff must seek approval from the Director to restore service.

An operative date of January 1, 2004 is requested.

## DISCUSSION

The purpose of this legislation is to obtain a permit for the withdraw of water for special uses such as a connection to a fire hydrant. While a form of permitting is currently used by the Department, the requirement to obtain such permits for special uses is unclear and not enforceable. This amendment allows the Department to enforce and control these types of connections which are necessary to safeguard the water and fire protection system, to comply with State requirements and to control non-revenue water losses. An operative date of January 1, 2004 is requested.

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: No** 

**COST OF TOTAL PROJECT:** None

**SOURCE OF FUNDS**:

CITY: N/A

**NON CITY**: N/A

**BENEFIT COST:** N/A

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